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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//G-1//.

SUBJECT: COMMAND SUPPORT OF THE ARMY VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AVAP)

## REFERENCES:

REF/A/: IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ARMY VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (2008-2009)//

REF/B/: VOTING ACTION PLAN (2008-2009)//

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- 1.(U) THE 2008 FEDERAL ELECTIONS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING AND ALL SOLDIERS DESERVE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO ENABLE THEM TO VOTE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS. THE ARMY'S GOAL IS 100% CONTACT OF ALL SOLDIERS TO ENSURE THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE AROUND THE WORLD.
- 2.(U) THE UNIT VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER (UVAO) MUST ENSURE ALL SOLDIERS ARE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THE ABSENTEE VOTING PROCESS WORKS. FIRST, SOLDIERS MUST UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOT. THEY MUST ALSO UNDERSTAND THE ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN DEADLINES IMPOSED BY THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE. THE UVAO CAN ASSIST SOLDIERS AND THEIR VOTING AGE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH INDIVIDUAL STATE INFORMATION, ALONG WITH OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FAXING ABSENTEE BALLOTS, THE USE OF FEDERAL WRITE-IN BALLOTS, AND MAILING DEADLINES. THE 2008-2009 ARMY VOTING ACTION PLAN AND THE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.VOTE.ARMY.MIL.
- 3.(U) CONTINUED COMMAND EMPHASIS ON THE VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS IMPERATIVE. SENIOR UVAO'S MUST MONITOR SUBORDINATE VAO'S AND SUBMIT REQUIRED MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORTS. VOTING ASSISTANCE MUST REMAIN A TOP PRIORITY FOR ALL LEADERS TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM.
- 4.(U) BE SMART. DO YOUR PART. VOTE.
- 5.(U) QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ACTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE U.S. ARMY VOTING ACTION OFFICER AT COMMERCIAL PHONE: 1-703-325-4530 / DSN: 221-4530 / EMAIL: ALTON.C.PERRY@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.
- 6.(U) EXPIRATION DATE IS 30 JANUARY 2009.

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